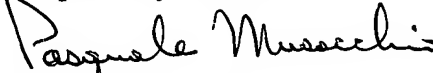


Remarks

Claims 1, 3 and 4 – 9 have been amended to comply with US practice. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments.

Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of this Amendment or of the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone the applicant's attorney at (732) 321-3193 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved. While it is believed that no additional fee is due, the undersigned authorizes the charging of any fee deficiency that is due to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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